

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2197 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Secretary for Resources to consult with specified interest parties to evaluate whether the Department of Water Resources should continue to inspect dams that are licensed and inspected by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

When I signed the Executive Order in February 2004 creating the California Performance Review, its mission was to make fundamental changes in state government, establish new procedures to create greater efficiencies, prioritize government functions, and create true accountability over the fiscal management of state resources. Eliminating duplications in state government is a priority of my administration. While I agree with the intent of this bill, it is unnecessary and premature because the Secretary for Resources can currently consult with interested parties, if necessary, without legislation. We will pursue comprehensive reform on consolidating and restructuring administration functions in the next legislative session.

For these reasons I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger